Claims

1. A method of correcting a character string entered at an IP client comprising:

upon receipt of the character string at the client, checking 5 the character string for typing errors; and

upon detection of a typing error, correcting the typing error, absent input from a user to produce a corrected character string.

- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the typing errors are selected 10 from punctuation errors and spelling errors.
 - 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 when the typing error is a punctuation error, replacing the punctuation error with a correct punctuation mark.
- 4. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
 15 when the typing error is a spelling error, replacing the spelling error with a correct spelling.
 - 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the typing errors are predefined.
- 6. The method of claim 2 wherein the spelling errors are 20 predefined.
 - 7. The method of claim 2 wherein the punctuation errors are predefined.
- The method of claim 1 further comprising connecting the IP client to an IP server identified by the corrected character
 string.

9. A method of editing a character string entered at an IP client connectable to a plurality of IP servers in a computer network, each of the IP servers having an IP address, comprising:

responsive to entry of the character string at the IP 5 client, correcting errors in the character string selected from punctuation errors and spelling errors; and

connecting the IP client to an IP server identified by the corrected IP server address.

- 10. A data processing system comprising:
- 10 a bus system;
 - a communications unit connected to the bus system;
 - a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and
- a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the 15 processing unit executes the set of instructions toin response to receiving a character string at a client, checking the character string for typing errors; and

upon detection of a typing error, correcting the typing error, absent input from a user to produce a corrected character 20 string.

- 11. The data processing system of claim 10 wherein the typing errors are selected from punctuation errors and spelling errors.
- 12. The data processing system of claim 10 wherein the typing errors are predefined.
- 25 13. The data processing system of claim 10 wherein the instructions further comprise connecting the IP client to an IP server identified by the corrected character string.
 - 14. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for selectively preventing collection of history information on a
- 30 browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions, responsive to receiving a character string at a client, checking the character string for typing errors; and

second instructions, responsive to, upon detection of a 5 typing error, correcting the typing error, absent input from a user to produce a corrected character string.

- 15. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the typing errors are selected from punctuation errors and spelling errors.
- 16. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the typing 10 errors are predefined.